

VIA VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
AUGUST 11, 2020
6:30 P.M.

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 11th day August 2020, at 6:30 p.m., VIA VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
5. Consider, discuss, and take action to schedule meeting dates for Fiscal Year 20/21 budget workshops.
6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a Joint Election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the County to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
7. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1059, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two.

8. Consider, discuss, and take action to enter into an Interlocal Purchasing Agreement between the City of Taft and San Patricio County for the purpose of participating in cooperative purchasing for procuring materials, supplies, goods, services or equipment.
9. Consider, discuss, and take action upon the proposed tax rate for the City of Taft and take record vote.
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11. Discuss monthly updates for police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
12. Discuss City of Taft chain of command policies for city staff and council members. *(Mayor Lopez)*
13. Discuss and update on Lexipol. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
14. Discussion regarding Taft Police Department peace officer/employee certification pay. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
15. Discussion and update to create a scope of work for the Animal Control Shelter. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
16. Discuss purchasing automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and attachments. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
17. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.
18. Discuss expenses and reimbursement of Covid-19. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
19. Discuss utility accounts that exceed \$300.00 and the impact it makes on payment of bills due to Covid-19 waivers. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
20. Discuss the process/ordinances which the developer can adhere to the present Hotel/Module project on the Martin Salcido property. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
21. Consider, discuss and act on wording with support of legal department to be added for all agendas in regards to respective organizations, i.e. TQIC, Taft EDC, Pride of Taft, to allow any councilmember to include the mayor to attend meetings without compromising the quorum statue, permanently. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
22. Consider, discuss and act on renewing the search for applicants for city manager for the City of Taft. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
23. Consider, discuss, and take action to enter into interlocal agreement between the City of Taft and Taft Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the City's shooting range for training purposes. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
24. Consider, discuss, and take action to amend Resolution 636 by approving Resolution 637, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the Taft Fireworks Extravaganza; authorizing the in-kind and financial support and sponsorship of the event by the city; and establishing an effective date. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

25. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a one-day waiver on Ordinance No. 779, Section V, to allow the sell of alcohol by an approved Pride of Taft vendor provided that said vendor obtains a valid city permit to sell alcohol at the Fireworks Extravaganza on July 4, 2020. (*Councilman Vasquez*)
26. Discuss a preliminary report on audit of 2018/2019 budget. (*Councilman Vasquez*)
27. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
28. Executive Session: Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding contract(s) for emergency ambulance services..
29. Consider, discuss and take action on whether to continue, terminate and/or enter into a contract for emergency ambulance services.
30. Adjournment.

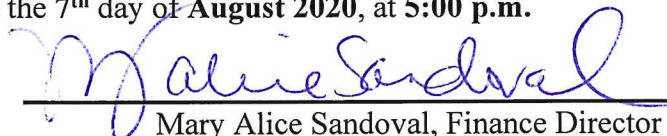
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 7th day of **August 2020**, at **5:00 p.m.**


Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director